

HOUSE RESOLUTION 66

By Hazlewood

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Colleen Schmitt on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Colleen Schmitt is one such estimable individual, who has been named a 2015 Woman of Distinction; and

WHEREAS, this prestigious honor is given to women who have distinguished themselves through their professional, civic, and volunteer service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Colleen Schmitt is a board-certified internist and gastroenterologist, and she has been practicing medicine at Galen Medical Group since 1993; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schmitt is a graduate of Jacksonville State University; she received her Doctor of Medicine degree at the University of South Alabama and completed her residency in internal medicine at Harvard Beth Israel Hospital in Boston. She completed fellowships in gastroenterology and health services research at Duke University and earned a master's degree in biometry and informatics; and

WHEREAS, she serves as president of the American Society for Gastrointestinal Endoscopy; she is a member of the American Board of Internal Medicine Gastroenterology Specialty Board; and she has served on the board of the Chattanooga–Hamilton County Medical Society; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Schmitt is a founding physician for Volunteers in Medicine and a volunteer for Project Access, organizations that provide health care for the uninsured; she represented those worthy organizations at the National Colorectal Cancer Roundtable; and

WHEREAS, she has served as chief of the gastroenterology division and was director of clinical research at the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Chattanooga Unit; and

WHEREAS, she has led health policy and advocacy efforts in issues related to gastrointestinal care and has held leadership positions in research, diversity, and strategic planning. She has also authored numerous manuscripts and book chapters; and

WHEREAS, she enjoys the love and support of her husband, Clint, and their two children; and

WHEREAS, epitomizing the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, Dr. Colleen Schmitt takes her place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of the Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, the success of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Dr. Colleen Schmitt who use their considerable talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate Dr. Colleen Schmitt on being named a 2015 Woman of Distinction, thank her for all she has done to make her community and this State a better place to live and work, and extend to her our best wishes for much continued success in the future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.